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Amendment

This amendment is in response to the office action mailed November 20, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 10 with the following

amended paragraph:

As may be seen in FIG. 1, the present invention may be embodied in an elastomeric sock or sleeve 10 having one or more ports 12 which may be utilized to inject or otherwise place a lubricious substance (not shown) on to the inside surface 14 of the sleeve 10. Sleeves such as sleeve 10 presently described, may be characterized as having a stent overlaying portion 16, a cone portion 18, a cone waist transition portion 20, a waist portion 22 and a balloon end portion 24, in the unexpanded state

In The Claims:

Please replace claim 8 with the following amended claim 8:

8. An elastomeric sleeve constructed and arranged to retain a stent in the unexpanded state

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